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SUBJ: STUDY VISIT OF PNP XVI SUGAR OFFICIALS TO
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1. PNP XVI TODAY NOTIFIED EMBASSY THEY HAD FINALLY RECEIVED MINISTER'S APPROVAL FOR VISIT DISCUSSED REF A TO BE ARRANGED BY ALEXANDER AND BALDWIN (A&B). PNP XVI PRESIDENT DIRECTOR POERNOMO'S LETTER INFORMING US OF APPROVAL STATES THAT TWO PERSONS WILL BE SENT "THE BEGINNING OF MARCH." PARTICIPANTS ARE IDENTIFIED AS: MR. MOCH. DJOKO MOELJONO B.SC., ADMINISTRATOR OF TASIKMADU SUGAR FACTORY, AND MR. IR. SOEPOMO SOEPARJO, ADMINISTRATOR OF GONDANG BARU SUGAR FACTORY. EMBASSY WILL APO BIO INFO ASAP.

2. EMBASSY POINTED OUT TO PNP OFFICIALS WHO DELIVERED LETTER THAT SUCH LATE NOTIFICATION TO A&B MAY NOT RPT NOT PERMIT A&B SUFFICIENT TIME PREPARE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR "BEGINNING MARCH" ARRIVAL. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED POTENTIAL PROBLEM (WHICH OF COURSE NOT RPT NOT THEIR FAULT SINCE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL WAS CAUSE OF DELAY) AND SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE JAKARTA PRIOR TO MARCH 15; HOWEVER, THEIR MAJOR CONSTRAINT SEEMS TO BE THAT THEY MUST RETURN TO JAKARTA BEFORE APRIL 20 FOR BEGINNING OF INDONESIAN MILLING SEASON. THEY ALSO SAID BEFORE FINALLY

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CONFIRMING ARRIVAL DATE THEY WOULD LIKE SEE COPY OF

TENTATIVE ITINERARY PLANNED BY A&B INDICATING PLACES AND FACILITIES TO BE VISITED.

3. GIVEN TIME CONSTRAINTS INVOLVED, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A&B CABLE US PROPOSED ITINERARY SHOWING EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATES FROM A&B STANDPOINT WHICH WOULD STILL RETURN PNP XVI OFFICIALS TO JAKARTA BY APRIL 19. IF VISIT CAN BEGIN BY MARCH 15, WE ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN PNP WILL ACCEPT. IF DEPARTURE LATER THAN MARCH 15, EMBASSY BELIEVES THEY WILL STILL ACCEPT, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS IF NECESSARY TO DRASTICALLY SHORTEN VISIT. ONCE EMBASSY HAS A&B PROPOSED ITINERARY IN HAND, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN QUICK TELEPHONIC CONFIRMATION FROM PNP XVI.
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